

## Beach Comings.

### NOTICE.

The PILOT will not publish articles in the interest of any religious sect, or advocating any particular religious doctrine or tenet. It is doing all it can to advance the material interests of its readers, leaving to their spiritual leaders the discussion of questions of dogmas and doctrines.

Philip West was a Dothan visitor over Sunday.

T. F. Rogers, of Elenor, Fla., was a Panama City visitor the first of the week.

Zeb Porter has the frame of his building up, and will soon have it enclosed.

There is a constant demand for houses. At least ten are needed here right now.

Rev Buckley, wife, and children, have been stopping at the Gulf View Inn some days this week.

D. W. Gardner and family returned to their home in Chipley this week after a stay here of several months.

E. I. Mathews was a caller here this week, taking the train on Tuesday evening for Dothan on a business trip.

N. B. Crawford, of Dothan, has sold his cottage on First street to a Mr Wallace. Possession will be given at once.

About a hundred came in from Dothan last evening on excursion rates, the tickets being good to return until Friday.

G. B. Thompson left on Friday evenings train for a visit to points on the railroad, possibly going to Pensacola.

Fishermen report enormous schools of blue fish on this coast at the present time. Spanish mackerel are also quite abundant.

G. H. Purvis, of the A. & St. A. B. R. R. was a passenger in on the Manteo, leaving on Tuesday evenings train for Atlanta.

Mrs H. W. Johnson and children returned on Saturday evening from a visit of several days with relatives at Chipley and Marianna.

Contractor Powell has the residence of Charles Thompson, on Magnolia avenue, well under way, and it will soon be ready to occupy.

There have been some heavy rains this week, with cool northerly winds. The steady heat of the Summer appears to have been broken.

The fishing smacks Bonito, and SeeM, brought fish to the Panama Ice plant yesterday. The Nancy Lee also brought them a catch of red snappers.

Mrs S. J. Baker, of Marianna, accompanied by her two daughters, Mrs F. M. Golson, and Miss Lizzie Baker, are the guests of Mrs. H. W. Johnson this week.

The steamer J. P. Williams, so well known to our bay people, is now, after having been rebuilt, in service between Pensacola and points on the Blackwater river.

The railroad company have installed a Fairbanks & Morse gasoline engine pump at the water tank, also driven three wells which connected up furnish the water supply.

John Milton, III, the accommodating assistant cashier at the bank, made home folks at Marianna a visit the first of the week, Labor Day giving him an extra holiday.

Green & Hogeboom have been clearing off their lots at the cement plant this week, preparatory to commencing the erection of a large two story cement block store building.

Efforts are being made to secure a first class teacher for our school, and to begin the sessions at once. It is hoped that we can have at least six months school this year, and possibly eight.

Bay citizens visiting the stores here state that there never was a larger or nicer stock of groceries &c. brought to this section of the country. If you wish anything in this line give our merchants a call.

We are having favorable weather for making garden, and many are at it. A good garden goes a long way toward furnishing a family with the choicest of vegetables, and saves buying so much in the way of canned goods.

The Tarpon was late in getting in yesterday and did not leave for Apalachicola until about 3 this morning. Heavy freight and transferring freight at Millville, was the cause of the delay. This boat is now having a first class trade.

Mr Clutter, of Pensacola, has been spending some days about the bay, making his headquarters at the Gulf View Inn here. Mr Clutter is the well known musical instrument man of Pensacola, and is doing something in his line about the bay.

Piling has been hauled this week for the new lumber dock of Sale-Davis & Co. Their schooner Lucy H. is in this morning with a cargo of lumber for W. K. Hall. Panama City will soon be well supplied with lumber. And it will be needed.

The Democratic candidates for county officers were here the latter part of the week, and from here visited Southport and other Bay points. The boys are making a thorough canvass of the county and are not going to be caught napping.

M. N. Carlisle, of Callaway, was an arrival on last evenings train from Dothan. He reports an increasing interest at that place in the opening of St Andrews Bay to the largest boats. He also found the people of South Eastern Alabama all very much interested in the Bay country.

D. G. Brock candidate for Tax Collector, and Thomas Brock, Candidate for County Commissioner, District No 1, on the Citizens Party ticket were looking after their interests in this part of the county the latter part of last week. The PILOT is indebted to them for a pleasant call.

The guests of the new hotel, "The Magnolia," took their first dinner therein on Tuesday. The furniture for the house has as yet but partly arrived, and some inconveniences are therefore unavoidable. This house is very pleasantly located, a new and well ventilated building, and will undoubtedly receive a goodly share of the hotel patronage.

Note the advertisement of the German American Lumber Co., in another column. They are going to carry a full line of all kinds of building material at their yard here, and will soon be in condition to supply all demands. They are completing their lumber dock at the old mill site, and will also erect a lumber and material warehouse 24 by 60 in which to store their dressed lumber and building material.

### First Dance.

Quite a party of our young people together with many from Old Town and St Andrews gathered at the Magnolia House last evening for an initial hop. A very pleasant evening was passed by all, the party breaking up about 2 this a. m.

## Bay Head.

Capt Limenx, of Southport, was a visitor here Saturday.

Rev Atkinson, of Bennett, was a business visitor here Monday.

Capt S. W. Anderson, of Gay, was visiting here Sunday afternoon.

Dr Beavis, of Marianna, has been spending a few days here fishing.

Mrs Blantfield and Mrs Simmons, of Tompkins, were visitors here on Monday.

The Francis, in charge of F. H. Ware, took a crowd of drummers to St Andrews on Tuesday.

The Eva May, of St Andrews, was up with a small crowd of young folks from that place on Sunday.

The Nanine, in charge of Capt Nelson Alexander, brought two drummers here from Panama City one day last week.

## NEW STEAMSHIP LINE.

For some time the PILOT has been in receipt of information relative to the establishing of a new steamship line, with one terminus at Panama City, but for business reasons could not make the facts public.

The purchase of the Manteo, by President Steele, of the A. & St. A. B. R. R., and his announcement that it would be run in connection with the road, renders the further withholding from the public of the facts unnecessary.

It has always been the intention of the railway company to secure steamship connection at this point for all Gulf ports, Cuba, and Central American points. Its plans for securing such transportation are as extensive as the business of the Lower South and its foreign and coastways trade demands.

The road was not built merely as a means of reaching St Andrews Bay from the interior, but to furnish the most direct and best means of transportation from all points in Alabama, Georgia, and West Florida that are tributary to it, to and from all points reached by water.

The purchase of the Manteo is one step in that direction. As trade develops other boats will be put in service, and this port will become what nature intended it to be, the principle metropolis of the Eastern Gulf.

The Manteo will make close connection with and have direct traffic relations with the Mallory Line of steamships, which will enable this section, and the extensive territory tributary to the Atlanta & St Andrews Bay R. R., to enjoy as prompt and cheap transportation as is now had by any point on the Gulf of Mexico.

### The Manteo.

This boat under its new ownership arrived here on Tuesday evening for Pensacola and Mobile. At present the boat will run only between here and Mobile, but as soon as the railway dock is completed, so cotton shipments can be started, it will run from here to New Orleans. On its present schedule it will be due here again on Saturday, leaving for the westward that evening, and reaching here next week on Wednesday, and on the following trip reaching here on Sunday, or a day later each trip. This will increase our steamer service quite a little.

## Parker.

The launch Laura made two stops here on Monday afternoon.

The Davis and Perceval fishing crew caught fifteen barrels of fish the past week.

Mr E. Mosher, of Cromanton, was a caller here on Thursday of last week.

W. H. Parker did some surveying for W. A. Emmons at St Andrews this week.

Mrs Stephens and children are visiting at her daughters, Mrs J. E. Davis's this week.

The P. F. Parker fishing crew are in for a few days. They report poor luck the past week.

A. L. Pratt left on Monday for Mobile, being recalled by the government for service again.

Ed Masker, of St Andrews, brought up a party of ladies in his launch the Sharp shooter on Monday.

Mrs Audley Spicer called on Mrs W. H. Parker, and also visited home folks on Tuesday of this week.

Misses Blanche Davis, Jessie Hinson and Lula Vickery were callers on Mrs W. H. Parker Tuesday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs E. Z. Taylor, and two grand sons, left on Saturday for Weahitehka by team, after spending the summer here in their cottage.

Major Harwood and J. E. McKenzie were callers at W. H. Parker's on Monday. They came by launch from Panama City.

Doctor P. B. Wilson and family left on Sunday last for their home in Sneads, after spending two weeks or more at Parker. The doctor says he hopes to be with us again next summer as he is delighted with our place on the bay.

## East Bay Canal.

### MR EDITOR

As will be noted from the attached letters my efforts in behalf of the East Bay Canal seem to be appreciated, which causes me to explain why in my opinion all of St Andrews Bay and the territory to the westward thereof should and would be interested in this project. As a preface I would ask attention to Mr Merritts letter below.

West Bay, Fla., Sept 2nd, 1908.

### DEAR MADAM:

Please accept my thanks and congratulations for your wise and inspiring letter in a recent issue of the Panama City Pilot. If those interested will co-operate, the canal from East Bay to the Apalachicola river will be built. This will quickly draw the attention and funds of the United States for canal extension. I suggest you have papers of other cities publish this article and others you may write. Keep the matter prominent.

Yours very truly,

W. B. MERRITT.

Mr Merritt strikes the key note of my explanation. He realizes that the best way to gain favor with Uncle Sam and get him to spend money is to show a willingness to do something yourself. He also realizes that the East Bay canal is important, is of such a short length and light cutting, with a large wealthy territory to back it, and the proposed extension through from West Bay to Choctawhatchee Bay so much longer, and the country weaker financially, that he urges as an important step the building of the East Bay canal by private subscription, as that will tend to cause the U. S. to furnish the means and begin the work on the extension westward.

Senator Milton writes as follows:

MISS LILLIAN CARLISLE,  
Callaway, Fla.

Your favor of the 29th ult with enclosures received. I had read with much interest your letter in the Pilot, and had thought of writing you about it. I appreciate your practical suggestions and active interest in this public improvement. I will deliver your letter as requested, and will endeavor to aid you in any manner you may suggest.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. MILTON.

It is gratifying to receive such cordial support to the project as has thus far been extended and it shows that it will have the support of the entire Bay country, as well as the river towns, and with the completion of this project the latter towns will heartily co-operate with the West Bay interests in securing the cutting of the canal in that territory by the government.

Thus far there has nothing been received that is at all discouraging; in fact quite the contrary, and a much larger interest disclosed in the Canal than was to be expected.

MISS LILLIAN CARLISLE.

### Mail Service.

Our mail service has been excellent this past week and every one here is greatly pleased at the change. There should however be some changes made in the Bay service, so that near by points could get their mail soon after its arrival here. If as soon as it was received the East Bay mail could be sent on to Millville, Cromanton, and Parker, remaining there over night, and the St Andrew mail be forwarded there at once, the North Bay mail remaining at St Andrews over night and going on early in the morning, and both the East and North Bay mail returning in the afternoon in time to forward the days mail from all points about the bay from here at 5 p. m., it would make the mail service here all that could be desired, and would not affect the water routes disastrously in any way, on the contrary it would prove a convenience and profit to them.

WANTED—Boarders at Callaway, Fla., quiet place, good fare, terms reasonable. Address Box 2, Callaway, Fla.

## St. Andrew.

Mr Brock's new cottage is about completed.

O. Thompson's cottage is nearing completion.

The Martha Lillian and Nancy Lee have both been in this week.

The stork brought a lively boy to the family of Guy Gainer on Tuesday evening.

M. G. Post has been under the weather this past week. He is now improving.

A boy came to the residence of C. Moates on Thursday evening last. He was most heartily welcomed.

C. H. Casey was an arrival on the Manteo Tuesday. Mr Casey has made quite an extended visit in the North.

Childrens Day will be observed in the M. E. church on Sunday, Sept 20th. The program will be published next week.

J. R. Thompson has been suffering the past week with an abrasion on the leg which causes him considerable trouble.

The foundation blocks are on the ground wherewith to start a house for Will Surber, at the corner of Beck street and Hartford avenue.

Ray Neal, of Westville, and Edward A. Williams, of Bonifay, who have been spending a week with Mr Bullock returned home on last evenings train.

The framing is up for the new M. E. parsonage, and the work on the same is being rushed along by Messrs Smith and Wilcox, who are doing the work upon it.

Raymond Sheppard who has been engaged in boat work on Escambia Bay the past few months returned home yesterday. It is hoped the Bay will now prove sufficiently attractive and profitable to Raymond to cause him to remain here all the time.

### Death of C. T. Poston.

The brief announcement in the last PILOT of the death of this young man brought a feeling of sorrow to many of our citizens.

Taylor was a very conscientious and popular young man, and filled with credit the position of first postmaster of Panama City. He with G. H. McKenzie, R. Madden, and the writer were the first to begin starting Panama City at 6 a. m., May 14th, 1896. He remained with the crew at that work until Mr McKenzie moved his stock of goods here, when he was employed in the store, soon after taking the position of postmaster which he retained until he left here.

He was the brother of Mrs George H. McKenzie, who we believe is the sole remaining child. Taylors mother died but a short time since, and his is the fourth death in the family within a few years. His father and sister, Mrs McKenzie, have the sympathy of the community in their great loss. We take the following from the paper published at Taylors late home.

Charles Taylor Poston, son of Rev. F. H. Poston, died at the Cordele Sanatorium last evening after an illness of two weeks from typhoid fever.

Mr. Poston was about twenty-one years of age, and at the time of his death held a responsible position with the A. B. & A. Railroad.

He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church and was a young man of fine Christian character.

Both with his employers and among his associates he was quite popular, and this announcement of his death will be received with the deepest regret by a large circle of friends.

The funeral services were conducted at the Baptist parsonage this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. Frank Cramer officiating. Interment was made at Sunny Side cemetery.—Cordele Rambler Sept. 3rd.

LOST OR STRAYED.—One setter pup 7 months old. Answers to name of Pete. White, with liver colored spots. Left eye out. Reward for return or information and no questions asked. Address, Rei Hogeboom.